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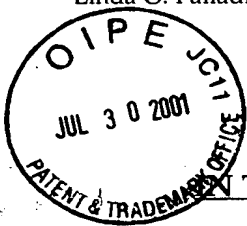
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT, RESPONSE TO  
NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS, AND PETITION FOR ONE MONTH  
EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

On May 10, 2001, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application ("Notice"). A response to the Notice was due on July 10, 2001. Applicants hereby request a one month extension of time and a check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed herewith for the required fee. A response to the May 10, 2001 Notice is therefore due on August 10, 2001, and this response is being timely filed.

In response to the May 10, 2001 Notice, applicants enclose the following: Exhibit A: a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts dated May 10, 2001; Exhibit B: executed Declaration and Power of Attorney; Exhibit C: Formal Drawings (58 sheets); Exhibit D: Sequence Listing in paper and computer readable forms pursuant to 37 C.F.R